

approached Youth Pastor Chuck Miller with the idea of starting a Christian Youth Center. In the fall of 1957, the Christian Youth Center began meeting at the home of Mr. Joseph Pickering and then to a rented storefront on Cass Street near Joliet Central High School. Within a year's time, the club had outgrown the storefront and purchased a two-story house on Herkimer Street. Mr. Miller felt called to another area of service and left the center. In 1961, Harv Russell assumed the responsibility of director of the Center.

The organization realized tremendous growth in the following 9 years. Several programs were started which include a Tuesday 1 hour high school radio program, a monthly publication called the Center News, and the establishment of the Women's Auxiliary. All of these programs and more continue to function to this day.

In the spring of 1972, ground was broken on a 5-acre tract of land to build the current Christian Youth Center. The new facility was opened on April 15, 1973. Since moving into the new facility, the center has been able to increase the staff to five full-time and five part-time employees. Thousands of young people have passed through the new facility and have participated in weekly activities, concerts, day camps, films and a host of activities established to attract young people.

Madam Speaker, I urge this body to identify, and recognize other organizations in their own districts whose actions have so greatly benefited and strengthened America's families and communities.

A TRIBUTE TO LADONNA PAULETTE KORNEGAY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2007

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to LaDonna Paulette Kornegay of Brooklyn, NY. LaDonna's musical talent, as well as her dedication to service and ministry, is truly inspirational.

LaDonna, a lifelong New Yorker, was born on December 6, 1980 to Donald Kornegay, Sr. and Emily Kornegay-Brown. Music has always been an important part of LaDonna's life. She was inspired by her father, who would sit with all of his children and teach them the lyrics to popular songs. LaDonna began to sing formally at a young age. She joined her elementary school Glee Club and her junior high school Gospel Chorus. As a member of the New Canaan Baptist Church for 27 years, she has blessed the congregation with her talents through her consistent involvement with the church's musical programs.

LaDonna began singing at the church as part of the Sunbeams. She later moved up to the RJL Youth Choir eventually becoming a member of the ALC Choral Ensemble and the directress of all New Canaan Church choirs. Along with fellow directress, Alethea Brisco, LaDonna has taken the Youth Choirs to several competitions, and has ministered in churches across New York City.

LaDonna graduated third in her class from Thomas Jefferson H.S. in Brooklyn after only 3 years. She was a leader in the school's Fine Arts Academy and a member of the school's

Gospel Chorus and Dance Club. She was also a participant in the school's Rights of Passage Cotillion. LaDonna attended college at the Katherine Gibbs School, where she majored in business administration and minored in business law. In college, she maintained excellent grades, earning a placement on the Dean's List multiple semesters while at the same time caring for her father who had become disabled.

LaDonna lost her father January of last year but she continues to be inspired by him. Although she currently works at HSBC Private Bank, she continues to be committed to music and ministry. She sings and ministers at churches, competitions, nursing homes, shelters and hospitals. She had the privilege of singing at New York City Hall on two occasions for both Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg and Mayor David Dinkins.

LaDonna is a volunteer youth tutor and a youth praise and worship leader, and is a member of the Youth United in the Body of Christ Ministry and Forever Anointed of Brooklyn. In addition, she is a member of Gospel Workshop of America, which hopes to release its first album in 2008.

Madam Speaker, I would like to commend this gifted woman who has so unselfishly shared her talents with the people of New York.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to LaDonna Paulette Kornegay for her remarkable abilities and her commitment to the Brooklyn community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIM MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2007

Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 1141, H.R. 2085, McGee Creek Project Pipeline and Associated Facilities Conveyance Act, had I been present, I would have voted "yes".

A TRIBUTE TO KRYSTIANNI HILLS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2007

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and honor to Krystianni Hills. Krystianni is the daughter of Harold and Patricia Hills. She was born in March of 1990 at the Long Island College Hospital.

At age five, Krystianni was enrolled in St. Mark's Day School where she excelled in all of her classes. She graduated in 2004 and was one of two students in her graduating class to pass the specialized high school exam.

Krystianni is currently a senior at Brooklyn Technical High School where she majors in architecture. She is a member of the track team and the cheerleading squad. Krystianni was a flutist for the Brooklyn Technical High School Jazz Band during her sophomore and junior years. She now has an internship with Salle de Danse, a dance shop located in Flatbush and plans to attend college next year pursuing a major in forensic science.

Krystianni first received her religious training at Newman Memorial United Methodist Church Sunday School. She is currently a member of Berean Baptist Church where she serves with the Ministry of Sacred Dance under the direction of Paulette Newberns. Krystianni is the former vice-president of the Junior Usher Board under the guidance of Deacon Vernart Jenkins.

Krystianni's hobbies and interests include reading, jumping double-dutch, and science. One of her favorite television programs is C.S.I.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize one of our young people who is really doing some great things and who is working hard to make a difference.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Krystianni Hills.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, December 11, 2007 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

DECEMBER 12

9:30 a.m.

Judiciary

Constitution Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine S. 1782, to amend chapter 1 of title 9 of United States Code with respect to arbitration.

SD-226

10 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider S. 579, to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer, and any pending nominations.

SD-430

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Harvey E. Johnson, Jr., of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator and Chief Operating Officer, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and Jeffrey William Runge, of North Carolina, to be Assistant Secretary for Health